

REMARKS

The Examiner has required Applicant to elect one of the following species:

- I. Figs. 3-7;
- II. Figs. 8 and 9; or
- III. Fig. 10.

Applicant hereby elects Species I, a first embodiment, depicted in Figures 3-7, and believes that claims 1-4, 11-14 and 20 are readable thereon. It is believed that claims 1 and 12 are generic to each of the species. Applicant reserves the right to submit any Divisional patent applications directed toward the non-selected invention.

Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's determination that there is not a generic claim and believes that claims 1 and 12 are generic to all the claims presented in the present Application. Each of the two independent claims 1 and 12 of the present invention read on each of the three designated species, including figures 3-7, 8-9 and 10. Independent claim 1 describes "a retaining device comprising at least a main body moveably received in said space"; and independent claim 12 describes "a retaining device comprising a main body moveably received in the space". These features are presented in all three species. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

An early action on the merits of this application is respectfully requested. Should any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, it is urged that Applicant's local attorney be contacted at the exchange listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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